

Beginners' Dove Hunt

Doves are the most popular game bird in the United States. They are a challenging target and excellent table fare. Dove hunting season in Arizona starts September 1 and if you are a new hunter or new to the state the Arizona Game and Fish Department is hosting an evening pre-hunt seminar and a one day dove hunting event to introduce you to dove hunting. Learn state regulations, where to go, hunting techniques, and what equipment you'll need to pursue these sporty birds; then spend a morning putting all your newly acquired knowledge to work in the field in pursuit of doves under the guidance of hunting mentors who will assist you with hunting doves and care of bagged birds.

The Seminar and field day are open to the public free of charge but will be limited to the first 30 participants to sign up. The seminar will be held on September 9th at 7 p.m. and the field day will be held on September 11th at 5 a.m., for both we will meet at the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Mesa Regional Office, 7200 E. University dr. in Mesa. (480) 981-9400. The Mesa Office is located approximately ¼ mile east of the intersection of Power rd. and University dr.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Chandler Rod and Gun Club will supply the first two boxes of ammunition (12, 20, 410 gage) to participants and has some shotguns available as loaners to hunters.

Jr. hunters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Hot coffee, hot chocolate and cold water will be supplied to participants. Participants will need to purchase an Arizona State Hunting License and a Migratory bird stamp to participate. License and stamp are available at all Arizona Game and Fish Department Offices and through most sporting good stores.

For additional information or to sign up, contact David Carson dcarson@azgfd.gov

